(b) **Panchayats.**—I find from the budget of 1102 a full programme of theworks of the Panchayat Department issued as an Appendix thereto. In this connection, I beg to invite the attention of the Government to the speeches of the Member for the Jewish Constituency, myself, and the Diwan Peishkar during the last budget discussion. (Volume I, No. 6, Pages 407 to 412). During that discussion the separation of these two departments was strongly urged, and the Diwan Peishkar said that the clubbing was an experimental or a tentative measure, that the Government were prepared to look into the matter, that they would arrive at some satisfactory conclusion, etc. In view of the extensive and vast programme of Panchayat works distributed throughout the State, I am afraid, if the Superintendent would be able to satisfactorily attend to the duties of his dual appointment. The result will be that the interests of one or the other or probably both are bound ts suffer,and as such the necessary remedy must be devised ao urgently as possible.

(c). **Forest.**—Sir, according to the rule that obtains in the plains adjoining the forests now, in order to cut and remove firewood fromone's own private lands for his domestic purpose he has to get the so-called "B-Form permit", for which he has to undergo a lot of technicalities and be at the good will and mercy of the Forest guards, with the result that in an urgent case one is put to the greatest hardship. As, for instance, in Nemmara—containing so many Brahmin villages—I would say the difficulty in getting fuel even for cremation is greatly felt. The only alternative when the B-Form permit is not obtained in time to transport the firewood for cremation is to take the dead body to the place where the firewood is. (The Secretary to the Government and the Conservator of Forests and his chief assistants will bear testimony to this.) Sir, you can easily conjecture what the religious susceptibilities of the people would be, when they are forced to take the dead body away from the usual place of cremation. Under the Forest Regulation, the Government published certain draft Rules in the Gazette, dated 12th September 1925. Even then I brought to the notice of the Government the difficulties and troubles the people at Nemmara are put to. To alleviate their suffering, I suggested certain alterations to the draft published Rules, for favourable consideration of the Government. I may bring to the notice of the Government that nothing further is known about them till

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now. On behalf of the people of Nemmara, may I request you, Sir, when passing these Rules to make special provision to redress the disabilities imposed on the transport of firewood at an early date?

(d) **Medical.**—Sir, our Sirkar is responsible for the health of its subjects, and is expected to keep them in the normal condition. I shall deal first with the indigenous systems of treatment. Our State had a number of Ayurvedic physicians under it. This department was abolished during the time of Mr. (now Sir) A. R. Banerji, in spite of strong public protest from all parts of the State. The majority of the population do not appreciate the Western System of Medicine and rules of Sanitation. In recent years a change has come even among the English educated people. The fashionable expression of contempt and dislike they exhibited towards the indigenous systems of treatment is practically dying out, and faith and belief in the system are strongly taking root in them. The masses still rely on the indigenous systems. I do not want at this stage to compare the merits and demerits of these systems with those of the Western systems. I have placed before this House my views on the subject, when the resolution for the establishment of a Central Ayurvedic Hospital by the State was discussed. What I now wish to impress upon the House is that the Western System touches only the fringe of the population. The Government, as far back as 1913, realised the need for the re-establishment of Ayurveda in the State; in 1923 the Darbar said that the matter was receiving careful consideration. In answer to a question of mine this year the Government said: "a scheme for the development of Ayurveda is under consideration" But this year the Tattamangalam Ayurvedic Dispensary was ordered to be closed. Sir, in 1913 this matter came before the Government; since 1923 the Darbar have been carefully considering the whole subject; and in 1926, the Tattamangalam Ayurvedic Dispensary was abolished. From this we can very well infer what sort of consideration the Government was bestowing on this important subject. I make a special appeal to you, Sir, on behalf of the indigenous systems of medicine, to extend support to them in view of the fact that they minister to the medical needs of nearly 90 per cent of our people who are quite unprovided for by any official medical aid. I urge on the Government to make an immediate declaration of policy at least to treat both the Western and the indigenous systems on an equal footing.

The Trichur Hospital.—A word about the present condition of the Civil Hospital at Trichur. This being situated in

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